

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, March 19, 2013

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Eddie VanBogaert	Vicki Burch
	Chris Leroux	David Downey	Jim Knapp
	Karen O'Farrell	Andrew Hirsch	Larry Wood
	Kumares Sinha	Boudewijn van Gelder	

VISITORS:	Ben Anderson	Kristi Smith	Mason Sale
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Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum.

Mr. Hirsch made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2013 meeting. Ms. Burch seconded the motion. Chairman Sinha wanted the minutes to reflect that he did not specifically ask for a traffic signal to be placed at Happy Hollow Road and US 52, but that it might be necessary someday in the future. With that clarification, the minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Burch stated she had recently met with Dave Tate who had some concerns about several roads in the city. Unfortunately, Mr. Tate is unable to be at the meeting tonight, but he will try and make the next meeting in May.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Current Projects:

Northwestern Avenue: Mr. Buck stated that there are many ongoing projects along Northwestern Avenue at this time. Some of them are being done by the city and some are being done by other agencies.

Starting at Yeager Road and going south to Lindberg Road, the city will be installing new curbs and sidewalks, trails, landscaping, lights and banner poles. The city plans on installing new signals and crosswalks at Lindberg Road also. On the east side of the road from Yeager Road to Lindberg Road there will be a sidewalk and on the west side of the road there will be a trail. Mr. Buck also stated that INDOT will be doing street resurfacing along Northwestern and all of existing US 231.

Mr. Leroux asked where the bus stop near the Faith West project will be located. Mr. Buck said that no resolution has been made on where the bus shelter will be, but the city has asked CityBus to look into where the shelter should be located. Mr. Leroux is concerned that if the bus stop is on the west side of Northwestern, that would force people to cross the street in order to catch the bus and this could be a potentially dangerous scenario.

Mr. Hirsch wanted to know if the bridge going northbound on Northwestern over US 52 will be repaved. Mr. Buck said he believes it will be repaved since INDOT will be doing repairs on all of US 231.

Utility Work Throughout the City: Mr. Buck stated there are several utility projects that will be happening in the city starting very soon. There will be a water main replacement on Northwestern Avenue, and Vectren will be doing a main replacement in and around the areas of Evergreen, Dodge, Garfield, Allen, Meridian, Ravinia, 720 Northwestern PD and Wang Hall PD.

Roundabout at Yeager and Northwestern: Chairman Sinha stated there would not be a roundabout study done now because Purdue did not get the grant to fund the study. Chairman Sinha asked if the roundabouts in the city were working smoothly and if there had been any more accidents. Mr. Buck responded that they seemed to be working smoothly, but there have been a few accidents. The accidents reported were caused by following too closely or not yielding properly. There have been no injuries reported, but there has been some property damage.

Grant and Meridian Intersection: Mr. Buck stated the Engineering Department will be conducting speed counts soon. Interns will be starting in May and they will be conducting the speed counts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Purdue Projects: Mr. Knapp showed a Purdue construction map that will soon be available on Purdue's Physical Facility website. He stated no INDOT paving will be done this summer at Purdue. Water line work will be occurring on University Street. Third Street will have an electrical duct bank cut across the road. The north end of Stadium Avenue, near Ross Ade Stadium, will have a full depth asphalt replacement and addition of new LED lights.

State Street Corridor Study: Mr. Buck said he would like to have a steering committee formed in order to offer input, as well as include students and faculty. Chairman Sinha stated he would like to have the Traffic Commission involved as well.

Chairman Sinha made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Buck seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 21, 2013, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



David M. Buck, P.E.
Public Works Director

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